

**SPN Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**June 1, 2009**

**Present:**

Fr. Saloy	Louis Arrigo	Stacia Bua
Dan Crumb	Rebecca Derbes	Larry Dyess
Matt Holmer	Mary Spain	

**Opening Prayer:** The meeting commenced at 7:40 p.m. with a prayer led by Stacia Bua.

**Approval of May Minutes:**

Matt asked if there were any changes to be made to the May meeting minutes. Several changes were noted. Rebecca moved that the May meeting minutes should be approved as amended, Larry seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Fr. Saloy Update:**

Father showed the Council a letter he recently received from Tommy and Sharon Villarrubia. In the letter, the Villarrubias thanked Father and the Council for the Order of St. Louis Medallion they both recently received from Archbishop Hughes at the Basilica of St. Louis.

Father also reported that he has recently noticed some additional repairs and work that could be completed by the Saturday morning work crew led by Matt Holmer. While walking the church and school grounds, Father said he noticed that the Parishioners' Center needs to be pressure washed and that there are downspouts that are leaking and in need of repair.

Father also asked the Council for guidance on a donation to the Chad Barcia Foundation. The Council agreed that a donation should be sent to the Foundation in appreciation for the donation of three (3) Cardiac Science automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) to the Parish.

Lastly, Father reported that there has recently been an increase in the number and frequency of skateboarders on the church property. Larry offered to put in a patrol request so that Jefferson Parish deputies would routinely patrol the parking lot in an attempt to deter the trespassers.

**Matt Holmer Update:**

Matt advised the Council that he spoke with Mr. Le Normand about taking pictures of the ministries for the Olan Mills yearbook. Matt said that Mr. Le Normand has graciously offered his time on the Friday evening, August 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Matt offered to make up a schedule with time slots for these dates assigned to each ministry. He said he would email the schedule to all Council members, and the Council agreed that each council member would contact their assigned ministries to notify them of their time slot for the portrait sittings that weekend. Matt asked each Council member to remind the ministry leaders that it is their responsibility to notify the members of their respective ministries of their assigned portrait sitting time. He also said that we should offer each ministry the option of submitting a picture if they preferred that option rather than sitting for a portrait with Mr. Le Normand. Matt is also to establish a deadline by which we should hear back from each ministry, and will notify the Council of that deadline.

## **Old Business:**

*CrossRoads / Catholic Outreach:* It was decided by the Council that Father will draft a letter to the Outreach program explaining that the Parish is currently focusing on setting up our own stewardship program to serve our Parish, and that we therefore cannot assume other responsibilities with another similar program at this time. Rebecca assisted Father with the wording of his letter, and the Council agreed that this issue should be considered addressed and resolved.

*Granny's Attic Yard Sale vouchers:* The Council addressed the issue of a voucher system or some similar program to assist needy parishioners in obtaining goods towards the end of the Granny's Attic Yard Sale. Father suggested that the Parish secretaries could identify the needy parishioners and furnish this list to the Granny's Attic Yard Sale workers. The Council agreed that this is an excellent solution in that there would be no need for vouchers. The Council also agreed that these parishioners could show up at approximately 11:30 am and begin to shop. Mary graciously volunteered to call the parishioners identified as needy by the Parish secretaries to inform them of the procedure outlined by the Council.

*Search for Winter Gala Chairperson(s):* A chairperson for the Winter Gala has still not been identified. The Council is awaiting further direction on this issue.

*Speakers for Future Lenten Missions:* Stacia informed the Council that Rebecca had forwarded the name of a deacon that was recommended to her as a Lenten Mission speaker. Stacia has contacted Deacon Glenn Harmon but had not heard back from him as of yet. Stacia volunteered to head up the search for a Lenten Mission speaker for 2010 and 2011. Father mentioned that it is his wish for a Lenten Mission speaker to become an annual tradition at St. Philip Neri. Other individuals that Father would like to receive consideration are Mike Patin and Steve Morgan.

## **New Business:**

*Suggestion from John Montelepre:* Louis and Stacia spoke about conversations they had with John Montelepre concerning the new church sign. Louis showed the Council an email that Mr. Montelepre sent him, expressing that the sign should include the word "Catholic." Father said that this change has been made to the sign. Mr. Montelepre also expressed a desire for the sign to welcome parishioners and guests, as it has been Pope Benedict's desire for Catholic churches to evangelize. Lastly, Mr. Montelepre offered the suggestion that the mass and confession times be included on the sign. Father said that these two latter issues were not possible due to size and money constraints.

*Catholic Charities Certificate:* At Father's request, Dan read a certificate from Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans that honored St. Philip Neri for "outstanding partnership and participation in Catholic Charities Adopt-an-Angel Program – Christmas, 2008".

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Louis seconded the motion. The meeting concluded at 8:55 p.m. with a prayer by Father Saloy.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Stacia T. Bua*